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Applicants: Kenneth R. Schmidt, et al.

For: SHEET-TO-TUBE WELDED STRUCTURE AND METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

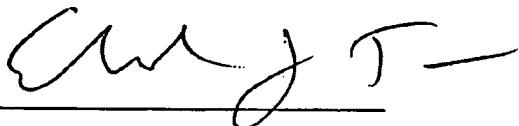
Applicants believe claims 7 and 13 are in allowable condition since they depend from allowable claims. Moreover, the '797 patent nowhere suggests the features of these claims. Claim 18 has been canceled.

As a result, claims 7 and 13 now are believed to be in allowable condition.

Applicants have added new claims 19, 20, and 21 which are believed to be allowable also. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee for new claims 19, 20, and 21 to my deposit account No. 20-1124.

Allowance of the pending claims is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

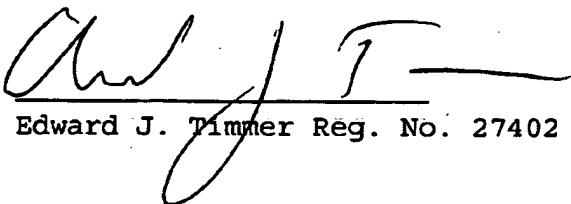


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